

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

In the final office action of January 26, 2009, the Examiner rejected claims 1-17 in view of USP 6,324,537 (the '537 patent) and USP 6,539,380 (the '380 patent). The Examiner stated that claims 1-17 would be allowable if a terminal disclaimer was filed in the present application with respect to each of the issued patents. Additionally, it is believed that the Examiner requested an amendment to the specification and/or an application data sheet claiming priority to each of these patents (Office Action, paragraph 3). Claim 42 was also rejected under 35 USC §101 as claiming the same invention as that of claim 14 of the '537 and claim 18 of the '380 patents.

In this response, a terminal disclaimer has been provided with respect to both the '537 and '380 patents, and claim 42 has been canceled. The present application and the patents are commonly assigned to SanDisk IL Ltd. As such, the terminal disclaimer and cancellation of claim 42 overcome all rejections in the final office action.

Claims 18-41 and 43-50 were previously withdrawn in response to a restriction requirement. These claims have been canceled in the present response.

A copy of the application data sheet originally filed in this application is attached. The application data sheet shows that a priority claim was made to both the '537 and '380 patents at the time this application was filed. It is respectfully submitted that this application data sheet complies with the Examiner's request in paragraph 3 of the office action.

An Information Disclosure Statement accompanies this RCE application. Pursuant to applicant's duty of candor, the Information Disclosure Statement places references that were cited in the '537 and '380 patents before the Examiner. These references were not cited in prior USPTO communications relating to the present application.

At least in view of the foregoing, it is respectfully requested that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case. If for any reason the Examiner believes that a telephone interview would be helpful to resolve any issues, he/she is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned attorney.

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APPLICATION DATA SHEET

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